waited on deputation upon a Member of the Board of Revenue at Parlakimedi and represented to him the grievances of Oriyas in regard to employment in the Public Services and as to the action taken upon such representation?

A.—A deputation headed by the Zamindar of Chikati waited upon Mr. C. A. Souter, I.C.S., Member of the Board of Revenue, on 28th November 1931, when he camped at Parlakimedi. The deputation presented a memorandum detailing certain alleged grievances and were advised to memorialize Government in the matter through the Board, which they did. The memorial is under the consideration of Government.

Employment of Oriyas as clerks in the Ganjam district.

* 234 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(1) to furnish information as to—

(i) the number of taluks in the Chatrapur, Ghumsur and Balliguda divisions of the Ganjam district including the Agency;

(ii) the number of clerks in each of the offices of the said taluks;

(iii) the number of taluk offices; and

(iv) the number of clerks in such offices who are Oriyas, who are Telugus, who are neither Oriyas nor Telugus;

(2) to state—

(*a*) if the Government have taken steps to satisfy themselves as to whether the Government orders relating to the employment of Oriyas, especially, G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, are given effect to;

(*b*) the number of Oriya clerks entertained in the Revenue department in the Ganjam district including the Agency since January 1931 (i) permanently and (ii) temporarily;

(*c*) (i) the number of Oriyas who appeared before the Public Services Commission for recruitment to Public services in the Presidency from the date of the constitution of the Public Services Commission in the Presidency;

(ii) the number of Oriyas declared eligible for such services;

(iii) the centres at which Oriyas appeared;

(iv) the various centres where the Public Services Commission holds its examinations; and

(v) why no centre has been constituted in the Ganjam district?

A.—(1) (i) & (iii) The number of taluks and taluk offices is three each in the Ghumsur and Balliguda divisions and two in the Chatrapur division.

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(ii) & (iv) The information is given below:—

Names of the division.	Name of the office.	Total number of clerks.	Oriyas.	Telugus.	Neither Oriyas nor Telugus.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Chatrapur ..	Taluk office, Chatrapur..	18	10	8	..
	Do. Kudala ..	7	4	3	..
Ghumsur ..	Do. Ghumsur ..	19	10	7	2
	Do. Aska ..	18	9	9	..
	Do. Surada ..	4	2	2	..
Balliguda ..	Do. G. Udayagiri.	7	3	1	3
	Do. Ramagiri ..	3	3	..	..
	Do. Balliguda ..	3	3	..	..

(2) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) (i) 115.

(ii) Twelve.

(iii) Madras, Masulipatam, Rajahmundry and Vizagapatam.

(iv) If, as is presumed, the question refers to the competitive examination for clerkships, it was held at the following centres:—

Madras.
Vizagapatam.
Rajahmundry.
Masulipatam.
Guntur.
Anantapur.
Cuddapah.
Cuddalore.
Vellore.
Salem.
Kumbakonam.
Trichinopoly.
Madura.
Tinnevelly.
Coimbatore.
Palghat.
Calicut.
Mangalore.

(v) Centres were constituted not in every revenue district, but wherever necessary with reference to the number of candidates that applied from each district.

Memorials from the Madras Presidency Excise Constables' Union for the recognition of their union.

* 235 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorial from the Madras Presidency Excise Constables' Union suggesting that the Government may be pleased to recognize their union; and

(*b*) if so, what orders the Government have passed on the same, and the reasons on the basis of which the Government have come to the conclusion indicated in their order?